Dear friends,

I am opposed to SB-874. It seems to be a bill about public schools, and yet it contains, in Sections 17 and 18, language that regulates homeschooling. Did you think we wouldn't notice?

My family and thousands of others in CT have been successfully educating our children under Ct General Statute Section 10-184, Duties of Parents. This is the law that recognizes the right and responsibility of "parents and those who have the care of children shall bring them up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or cause them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, geography, arithmetic and United States history and in citizenship, including a study of the town, state and federal governments."

We moved to CT in 1984 and since then have participated in opposing several attempts to regulate homeschooling. SB-874 seems to be a

particularly sneaky way for the dysfunctional school system to impose control over legal, safe, successful homeschooling.

On Friday, March 1, you will have the privilege of witnessing parents, grandparents and guardians as we instruct our children "in citizenship, including a study of the town, state and federal governments."

Please vote NO on SB-874 or eliminate Sections 17 and 18.

Thankyou, Judith Shosie, Guilford, CT